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1. ACCORDING TO DEA, BELIZE IS A SIGNIFICANT TRANSIT POINT FOR HEROIN. THE INVOLVEMENT OF HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAS PRECLUDED ANY USG EFFORTS IN BELIZE TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM THERE. BECAUSE OF THIS SITUATION WE HAVE VIRTUALLY NO CONTACT WITH NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN BELIZE. COORDINATION WITH BRITISH INTELLIGENCE OFFICE IN JAMAICA THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BELIZE IS VERY GOOD. HOWEVER, THAT OFFICE MUST COVER WIDE AREA WITH LIMITED STAFF AND DOES NOT

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HAVE, WE UNDERSTAND, A FULL TIME NARCOTICS UNIT.

2. THE BELIZE SITUATION IS FOLLOWED BY DEA'S REGIONAL OFFICE IN MEXICO CITY AND ITS DISTRICT OFFICE IN GUATEMALA. DEPARTMENT AND DEA BELIEVE A VISIT BY BRITISH NARCOTICS EXPERT TO THESE TWO OFFICES WOULD BE VERY USEFUL. PURPOSE WOULD BE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND CONSIDER WHAT STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN TO DEAL WITH HEROIN TRAFFIC IN BELIZE. WE WELCOME HMG'S OFFER TO LOOK INTO THIS POSSIBILITY. INGERSOLL

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